

## **SCHOOL NUTRITION TEAM - Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction - School Nutrition Bulletin #12, March 14, 2017**

Announcements from WI DPI School Nutrition Team (SNT):

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### **State Aid Match Payments**

The State Aid payments for Match-NSL, SSBA-School Breakfast, EN, and WMMP; based on programs that you participated in during the school year (SY) 2015-16, have been processed. The Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) effective date is **March 20, 2017**, for these four **annual** payments and are recorded on the [STAR Aids Register](#). Please see the memos for [public](#) and [private](#) schools from Jacqueline Jordee, Accountant, for details on how to record them in the Annual Financial Report for School Nutrition Programs.

### **Webinar: Nutrition and Lead Exposure, March 30, 2:00 to 3:00PM**

**Key Nutrients that May Lessen the Impact.** Elevated lead levels in the water of homes, schools, and child care centers is a growing concern in our state and in our communities. It is important to know that a healthy diet can help, and schools and daycare providers are in a unique position to provide guidance on the benefits of healthy eating. The Department of Public Instruction School and Child Nutrition Teams invite you to join us. Instructions are posted on the [SNT Training webpage](#).

### **Nutrition and Lead Exposure: United Fresh Produce Association, “Let’s Move Salad Bars to Schools”**

As we know, Vitamin C helps the body absorb iron and may help get rid of lead. Many fruits and vegetables contain this important vitamin; some of which include the following:

- Citrus fruits and juices, such as oranges and grapefruit
- Other fruits such as kiwi, strawberries, and melon
- Tomatoes, green and red bell peppers, baked potatoes, Brussel sprouts, and broccoli

Any School Food Authority (SFA) directly (water sources have tested high for lead) or indirectly (have students from areas that have water that has tested high for lead) affected by lead exposure are encouraged to apply for a salad bar from the United Fresh Produce Association. In fact, they are encouraging interested SFAs to [apply for salad bars](#) as soon as possible. The next round of SFAs to receive salad bars will be selected in late spring.

### **Grant Application Period for Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program**

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) application for the 2017-18 school year is now available! The FFVP is a fantastic way to increase elementary students’ fresh fruit and vegetable consumption. Wisconsin schools participating in the program have had the opportunity to serve their students unique

fruits and vegetables such as kohlrabi, jicama, kumquats, mangoes, pomegranates, starfruit, and persimmons.

If your school is among those that have a higher free/reduced price percentage in Wisconsin, priority will be given to your application. Multiple schools from a district may apply, although not all are guaranteed to be chosen. Each school interested in participating in the FFVP is required to submit an application.

Please see our [FFVP webpage](#) for a link to the grant application, application instructions, and the *USDA FFVP Handbook*. **The application period closes on April 17.** Questions about the program or the application? Please contact [Kathy Clark](#) (608-266-5197) or [Claire Koenig](#) (608-266-3079).

### **School Nutrition Skills Development Courses: 2017 Dates and Locations released!**

- June 20-22: Rice Lake – Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College
- July 11-13: Wausau – Northcentral Technical College
- July 18-20: Appleton – Fox Valley Technical College
- July 25-27: Madison – DPI Offices
- August 8-10: Milwaukee – Alverno College

Registration will open by April 15 and will include a one-time, non-refundable \$10 registration fee per person. Class schedules and course descriptions will be posted to our Upcoming [Training webpage](#) as they become available.

### **Job Openings: Nutrition Program Consultants**

The SNT is in the process of recruiting four Nutrition Program Consultants to join our team. Information on the application process can be found at [Wisc.Jobs](#). The deadline to apply is March 23, 2017. Please feel free to share with anyone who may be interested.

### **Wisconsin Team Nutrition Survey**

Wisconsin Team Nutrition is surveying school nutrition professionals to get an understanding of potential training and technical assistance needs. Responses provide valuable feedback that will help the School Nutrition Team obtain funding for future training opportunities and resource development. This brief [survey](#) will take no more than 5 minutes to complete. We appreciate your participation!

### **National School Breakfast Week**

For more than 50 years, the School Breakfast Program has provided school children across the nation a well-balanced first meal of the day. In honor of National School Breakfast Week, the Food and Nutrition Service has published a letter to thank local program operators for their efforts to serve children breakfast. The letter is available on the [School Breakfast Program webpage](#), along with other resources State and local agencies can use to make school breakfast a success.

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